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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented): A net-reinforced film structure formed by the process of:
providing a film layer;

attaching a netting to said film layer, said netting including standard netting strands and
at least one seal netting strand, said at least one seal netting strand having a wider cross-section
than said standard netting strands;

aligning said at least one seal netting strand with a heat sealing element; and
sealing only said at least one seal netting strand to an opposing film structure.

14. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein sealing only said at
least one seal netting strand to an opposing film structure comprises sealing said at least one seal
netting strand to an opposing seal netting strand.

15. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein sealing only said at
least one seal netting strand to an opposing film structure comprises sealing said at least one seal
netting strand to an opposing film.

16. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein said at least one seal
netting strand has a shallower cross-section than said standard netting strands at a time prior to
sealing said at least one seal netting strand to an opposing film structure.

17. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein the film layer is
comprised of a film material selected from a group consisting of low-density polyethylene, linear
low-density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, metallocene, ethylene vinyl acetate, and
blends of these.

18. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein the netting is
comprised of a netting material selected from a group consisting of linear low-density

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polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene, polypropylene/polyethylene copolymer, and metallocene.

19. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein said seal netting strands have a width greater than or equal to about 60 mils.

20. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein the standard netting strands have a width greater than or equal to about 5 mils.

21. (previously presented): A net-reinforced film structure formed by the process of:
providing a first film layer;

attaching a first netting to said first film layer, said first netting including first standard netting strands and at least one first seal netting strand, said at least one first seal netting strand having a wider cross-section than said first standard netting strands;

providing a second film layer;

attaching a second netting to said second film layer, said second netting including second standard netting strands and at least one second seal netting strand, said at least one second seal netting strand having a wider cross-section than said second standard netting strands;

placing said first netting adjacent said second netting such that said at least one first seal netting strand is approximately aligned with said at least one second seal netting strand;

aligning said at least one first seal netting strand with a heat sealing element; and

sealing only said at least one first seal netting strand to said at least one second seal netting strand.

22. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 21 wherein said at least one first seal netting strand has a shallower cross-section than said first standard netting strands at a time prior to sealing said at least one first netting strand to said at least one second seal netting strand.

23. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 21 wherein said first film layer is comprised of a film material selected from a group consisting of low-density polyethylene, linear

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low-density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, metallocene, ethylene vinyl acetate, and blends of these.

24. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 21 wherein said first netting is comprised of a netting material selected from a group consisting of linear low-density polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene, polypropylene/polyethylene copolymer, and metallocene.

25. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 21 wherein said first seal netting strands have a width greater than or equal to about 60 mils.

26. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 21 wherein said first standard netting strands have a width greater than or equal to about 5 mils.

27. (previously presented): The film structure of claim 13 wherein said seal netting strands further have a shallower cross-section than said standard netting strands.

28-30. (canceled)

31. (previously presented): The net-reinforced film structure formed by the process of claim 13 wherein said process further comprises moving said film layer and said opposing film structure in a direction approximately parallel to a length of said heat sealing element.

32. (previously presented): The net-reinforced film structure formed by the process of claim 21 wherein said process further comprises moving said first film layer and said second film layer in a direction approximately parallel to a length of said heat sealing element.

33. (cancelled)